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SUBJ: ELECTION RESULTS IN MEDAN CONSULAR DISTRICT

1. ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY FIGURES RELEASED AS OF MAY 3, FOLLOWING ARE PERCENTAGES OF VOTE RECEIVED BY THREE CONTENDERS IN FIVE PROVINCES OF MEDAN CONSULAR DISTRICT:

ACEH - PPP, 52.4; GOLKAR, 46; PDI, 1.6

NORTH SUMATRA - PPP, 24.1; GOLKAR, 63.7; PDI, 12.2

WEST SUMATRA - PPP, 34.8; GOLKAR, 64.4; PDI, .8

RIAU - PPP, 35.2; GOLKAR, 61.7; PDI, 3.1

JAMBI - PPP, 19.1; GOLKAR, 79.7; PDI, 1.2

2. IN COMPARING ELECTION RESULT (AS BASED ON THESE PRELIMINARY FIGURES) WITH THAT OF 1971 ELECTION, GOLKAR VOTE DROPPED BY SEVERAL PERCENTAGE POINTS IN ACEH AND NORTH SUMATRA WHILE REKAINING ABOUT THE SAME IN WEST SUMATRA, RIAU AND JAMBI. IN ACEH, GOLKAR
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RECEIVED A MAJORITY OF THE VOTE IN ONLY TWO KABUPATENS, I.E., ACEH TENGGARA AND ACEH TENGAH. IN NORTH SUMATRA, VOTE FOR GOLKAR DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM 1971 LEVEL IN THE CITY OF MEDAN, THE KABUPATEN OF SOUTH TAPANULI AND IN THE ETHNIC MALAY COMMUNITY GENERALLY.

3. MARGIN OF GOLKAR VICTORY IN WEST SUMATRA COMES AS A MILD

SURPRISE TO SOME OBSERVERS HERE IN VIEW OF WHAT HAD BEEN THOUGHT
OF AS A LAST MINUTE SURGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE PPP. OUR PRELIMINARY
VIEW IS THAT SUPPORT OF GOLKAR BY MANY WEST SUMATRA ADAT (TRADITIONAL)

LEADERS - AS OPPOSTED TO MOSLEM RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO SUPPORT
THE PPP - HELPED TO CARRY THE DAY FOR GOLKAR.

4. MORE DETAILED DATA AND ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM AS SOON
AS FINAL ELECTION FIGURES ARE IN.
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